

6 and located outwardly with respect to said opening portion; and  
7 at least one leg portion provided to said first plate member, and received by said  
8 recessed portion so that said motor portion is at least partially located in said second side,  
9 wherein said recessed portion has a depth at least as large as a thickness of said leg  
10 portion.

### REMARKS

Claims 1-5 and 8-19 are all the claims presently pending in the application.

The Examiner indicates in the Office Communication that the amendment filed on December 26, 2000 is non-responsive. Specifically, "the remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention because the recitation of "*said hole portion allows cooling air from said fan motor to pass therethrough*" does not read on the elected Figure 1. It reads on the non-elected Figure 6". The claims have been amended above to read on the elected Figure 1.

It is noted that the claims have been amended solely to more particularly point out Applicant's invention for the Examiner, and not for distinguishing over the prior art, narrowing the claim in view of the prior art, or for statutory requirements directed to patentability.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached pages are captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made**".

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 1-5 and 8-19, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

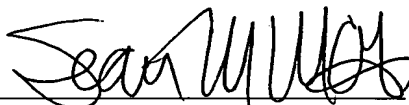
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**The claims have been amended as follows:**

1. (Three Times Amended) A fan motor comprising:  
a thermally dissipating surface to be mounted to an electronic component;  
a motor attached to said thermally dissipating surface; and  
an attaching plate having a leg portion in a peripheral portion thereof for fixing said motor to said thermally dissipating surface,

wherein said thermally dissipating surface has a hole portion at least as large as said attaching plate, and a recessed portion that is formed on an attaching surface side of said thermally dissipating surface to said electronic component and that accommodates at least said leg portion of said attaching plate therein,

wherein said recessed portion has a depth at least as large as a thickness of said leg portion[, and

wherein said hole portion allows cooling air from said fan motor to pass therethrough].

2. (Three Times Amended) A method of assembling a fan motor including a thermally dissipating surface to be mounted to an electronic component, a motor attached to said thermally dissipating surface, and an attaching plate having a leg portion in a peripheral portion thereof for fixing said motor to said thermally dissipating surface, wherein said thermally dissipating surface has a hole portion at least as large as said attaching plate, [said hole portion allowing cooling air from said fan motor to pass therethrough,] and a recessed portion that is formed on an attaching surface side of said thermally dissipating surface to said electronic component and that accommodates at least said leg portion of said attaching plate therein., said method comprising:

passing said attaching plate through said hole portion;

rotating the attaching plate through said hole portion;

rotating the attaching plate so that said leg portion is accommodated in said recessed

portion, said recessed portion being provided such that said recessed portion has a depth at least as large as a thickness of said leg portion; and  
fixing said leg portion to said thermally dissipating surface from said attaching surface side.

4. (Three Times Amended) A fan motor, wherein a recessed portion capable of accommodating an attaching plate of a motor is provided in a thermally dissipating surface of a heat sink on a side thereof which is to be mounted on an electronic component, and said attaching plate is fixed from an attaching surface side of said thermally dissipating surface to the electronic component in a state that said attaching plate is accommodated in said recessed portion,

wherein said recessed portion has a depth at least as large as a thickness of said attaching plate portion being accommodated[, and

wherein said thermally dissipating surface comprises a cooling hole allowing cooling air from said fan motor to pass therethrough].

8. (Twice Amended) A structure for mounting a first plate member associated with a motor portion of a fan motor onto a second plate member having a first side and a second side opposite from said first side, said structure comprising:

an opening portion formed through said second plate member[, said opening portion allowing cooling air from said fan motor to pass therethrough];

at least one recessed portion provided in said first side of said second plate member and located outwardly with respect to said opening portion; and

at least one leg portion provided to said first plate member, and received by said recessed portion so that said motor portion is at least partially located in said second side,

wherein said recessed portion has a depth at least as large as a thickness of said leg portion.